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A photograph of Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne speaking at a microphone. She is wearing a red sweater and a necklace. The background shows blurred flags.

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Premier talks rent control, tuition and Doug Ford

Taz Dhaliwal
NEWS REPORTER

Twelve weeks to go until election day in Ontario and Premier Kathleen Wynne is trying to rally younger voters to cast their ballots.

“Doesn’t matter who you vote for, come out and let your voice be heard,” Wynne said in a campaign whistlestop at Humber’s Lakeshore campus Friday morning. She told the audience if they didn’t vote, it increases the influence someone older would have in the political process.

But while calling for youth engagement in politics, Wynne outlined the changes implemented under her leadership, many that were focused towards Millennials. They include the rise in the minimum wage, funding increases by OSAP, Pharmacare for those under 25, mental health initiatives, and the party’s commitment to fighting climate change.

“Being in a room with young people fills me with optimism,” Wynne said. “Who we’re fighting for is my focus. We’re fighting for our future.”

“We need you to talk to everyone in your circle,” she prompted the crowd, stressing the importance of democratic engagement among youth.

Wynne was speaking to a room full of about 100 Humber students as she outlined the importance of pursuing an education.

“Here in Canada we believe if you get the grades, you get to go [to post-secondary school],” Wynne said. “It’s not about how much your family makes.”

She said there was unanimous agreement among Liberals about equal access to post-secondary education.

Voters head to the polls on June 7 as Wynne faces Doug Ford, who was elected Ontario Progressive Conservative leader on March 10, and NDP leader Andrea Horwath.

Wynne said Ford and the Conservatives see things differently. From rent control to environmental issues, Wynne said the Tories prioritize profit over the needs of hard working Ontarians.

“He wants to run the government like a business,” she said. Ford cares only about cutting taxes for the rich, Wynne said.

She said Ford stands for a free market and is against rent control and housing affordability, both hot button topics among Millennials.

In a question and answer ses-



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Premier Kathleen Wynne stressed democratic engagement among students during an event at Lakeshore.

sion with students, Wynne also described Ford’s plan to sell marijuana at corner stores as reckless.

“I think the notion of having cannabis in corner stores is wrong-headed,” she said. “I think it would not be a good thing for communities or for young people, so we’re not going to

go down that road.”

Wynne said Conservatives have been silent about any plans to deal with climate change.

“There’s no greater threat than the warming of the planet,” she said. “They don’t have a plan to build a green economy” and said the Tories

don’t appear as they don’t care about having one.

The Lakeshore stop Friday was part of her campaign travels that would see her join morning prayers at the International Muslim Organization of Toronto, and later help launch a local campaign in London, Ont.

Khosla named IGNITE president

The IGNITE election results are in. From left, Monica Khosla, President; Maheen Nazim, Vice President Guelph- Humber; Graham Budgeon, Vice President Lakeshore Campus and Jeremy Largo Afonso, Vice President North Campus. IGNITE reported that this year 8,489 students voted in the election compared to 7,051 last year. 28.3 per cent of students voted, compared to 23.46 per cent in 2017.

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Spa management student murdered

Alicia Lewandowski is Peel Region's fifth domestic murder victim so far in 2018

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NEWS REPORTER

Alicia Lewandowski's Facebook page says she was in her last semester in Humber College's Spa Management course. But her hopes of graduating were brutally dashed.

The 25-year-old woman is the fifth woman murdered in apparent domestic violence in Peel Region so far this year when she was gunned down in her home on March 5.

Lewandowski was found by Peel Regional Police officers shot to death in the parking lot near her Rathburn Road East home near Dixie Road in Mississauga.

Joseph Chang, a Toronto man, described as her 39-year-old boyfriend, is charged with first-degree murder.

The death of Lewandowski, in the Esthetician/Spa Management program at Humber North campus, along with the recent spike of domestic homicides, has been a shock to the community.

"This is just an unfortunate circumstance," said Peel media Constable Bancroft Wright. "These are unfortunate incidents where the end result has led to a death, and more unfortunate, the deaths are of females."

Since January, there have been five women who are victims of domestic homicide in Brampton and Mississauga.

"I certainly hope this an anomaly and not a growing trend, but certainly violence against women by an intimate partner is nothing new in our society, said Lisa Boucher, gender studies instructor at the University of Guelph-Humber.

Baljit Thandi, 32, and her mother

Avtar Kaur, 60, were killed in their Brampton home on Jan. 12. Thandi's husband was charged with two counts of second-degree murder, police said.

Police said 61-year-old Elaine Bellevue was murdered and her teen daughter critically wounded in Mississauga on Jan. 13. Bellevue's husband was charged with first-degree murder and attempt murder, police said.

Hoden Said, 30, was found dead in her apartment on Jan. 27 in an apparent murder-suicide. A man believed responsible was found dead in Shelburne, police said. His death is not considered suspicious by detectives.

The multiple cases of domestic homicide that have occurred in the past three months are unable to be described as a trend. However, Boucher said this cluster of tragic incidents highlight gender inequality and how the mistreatment of women is a very serious and prevalent issue.

"Domestic violence is a reality of our society and a society where women's lives are not valued in the way that they should," she said. "I think it's certainly an indication of an ongoing gender inequality issue in our society."

Statistics Canada reported that in 2016 there were 72 victims of domestic homicide, and 57 of those were women. Women in their teens and early to mid-20s are at a greater risk of being a victim of this kind of violence. In Ontario last year, 93,247 victims reported violence by a significant other and 79 per cent of these were women.

The Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Initiative (CDHPI)



FACBOOK/NATALIE LEWANDOWSKI

Alicia Lewandowski was in the final year of Esthetician/Spa Management and was due to graduate this year.

and the Peel Committee Against Woman Abuse (PCAWA) are organizations dedicated to preventing domestic homicides.

The national research coordinator of CDHPI, Marcie Campbell, overlooks a vast number of these cases once they are tried. Like Boucher, Campbell said this cluster of domestic violence cannot be classified as trend but should still be considered a public concern.

"Sometimes there can be a certain higher number of homicides that happen and another year there can be a lot less that happen. I can't really speak to that," Campbell said.

CDHPI works to find preventive measures and provide resources to the public to help avoid this kind of violence.

Campbell said there is research that shows more than 50 per cent of women do not know they are at high risk or in vulnerable posi-

tions, but there are at times obvious signs and risk factors.

"When we look at domestic homicide cases, they don't just occur out of the blue," she said. "They are most often very predictable, and they can be preventable. A lot of times, other people are aware of the violence that is happening in the relationship."

Not any one case of domestic violence is the same, and assault comes in many different forms. Many women also find it difficult to believe that their intimate partner is capable of such harm and even deny it when it happens.

"They just don't think that their partner would do that," Campbell said.

The Assaulted Women's Helpline hosts a Crisis Line where help is available every day and at every hour of the week. For the GTA, the phone line is 416-863-0511, and the toll free number is 1-866-863-0511.



PEEL REGIONAL POLICE

File photo of Joseph Chang who is described at Lewandowski's boyfriend is charged with first degree murder.

TTC proposes \$70 per month U Pass for students

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HUMBER NEWS

Toronto college and university students could get unlimited monthly travel on the TTC for as low as \$70 as part of a TTC's proposal.

Commission staff recommended the transit board accept U-Pass, a universal pass that will make transit more affordable to post-secondary students. For this to happen, student boards have to vote to adopt the plan and then hold student referendums.

The catch to the lower monthly transit fee is that the cost of the pass — \$280 per four-month term — would be part of the full-time student fees. Students currently pay \$116.75 a month for a Metropass.

The initiative was encouraged by Mathias Memmel, president of the University of Toronto Students Union.

"The U-Pass has as a goal to provide reasonable fares to students," Memmel said. "The University of Toronto St. George campus will be the first to vote for a referendum at the end of March."

If accepted the U-pass would be introduced in at the downtown University of Toronto campus in September 2018. Then, other schools including George Brown, Humber, OCAD and Ryerson will vote for referendum to approve the U-Pass.

Other major cities in Canada already introduced similar U-Pass programs. In these cities, the model works by charging the transportation fares to the tuition fees.



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Murtaza Haider, professor of real estate management at Ryerson University, said the proposal is not easy to implement and students can vote no in the referendum if they don't like it.

"Facilitating students by giving them preferential fares would be helpful to students and to attract new users," Haider said.

"The argument is those who don't use the TTC, they would be forced to pay the same amount even if they

don't use it," he said.

TTC spokesman Stuart Green told Humber News every school has to hold a referendum to approve the \$70 pass.

"It's not unique to University of Toronto, but any school in Toronto can vote to implement the U-Pass," Green said.

He said the measure is revenue neutral and the TTC will not get any additional money from the pass.

"We will get a little bit extra in order to allow services improvement," Green said.

Previously student unions conducted an online survey which found that 95 per cent of students would vote in favour of a U-pass.

"By September this year, the University of Toronto St. George campus will introduce the U-Pass to students" if the referendum passes, Green said.

The future is looking green for post-secondary schools

Lindsay Charlton
ENVIRONMENT REPORTER

Colleges and universities across Ontario are investing in a greener future.

More post-secondary schools are turning toward developing LEED certified buildings. LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. It is a green building rating system administered by the Canadian Green Building Council.

Mohawk, George Brown and many other colleges and universities across the province are in the midst of or have developed sustainable LEED certified spaces. Humber already has two buildings that are certified, the Centre for Urban Ecology and the Learning Resource Commons with a third building, the Centre for Technology Innovation, now under construction.

"It's really focused on all of the things that make a building perform better from an environmental and an energy perspective," said Kerry Johnston, professor and program manager of Humber's Sustainable Energy and Building Technology. "The big focus is on energy and atmosphere, but broadly speaking how do we reduce our environmental impact and how do we consume less energy over the life of the building."

LEED buildings are rated at different levels of certification based on points, ranging from certified, silver, gold and platinum, and with points

being given toward that certification.

"In a LEED building you want to save as much energy as possible," said Janine Vanry, Conestoga College professor of Engineering and Information Technology. "Basically, you obtain points based on that threshold of energy that you save.

"Other things that we see is water use reduction, so trying to not use as much water, or recapturing some of our water to say flush toilets for example. Using more eco-friendly products or recycled products," she said.

The lifecycle of the building — design, construction and use — is considered when looking to develop sustainable spaces, Johnston said. Consideration goes into where the materials come from, recognizing the carbon costs that go along with transporting materials from further away, he said.

"We look at energy and atmosphere, we look at the water efficiency, we look at the materials and resources, all of those factors come together to look at the lifecycle of the building," Johnston said.

"So yes, you're going to pay a little bit more up front in design and construction but your operational costs and the environmental impact of your operation is going to be reduced over the life of your building," he said.

The industry has been revolutionized, and with that prices for green products have gone down over the couple of decades LEED has been around, Vanry said. The pay back on



MICHELLE NEHA

Upon completion, The Centre for Technology Innovation will be the third building on North campus with a LEED certification. The Learning Resource Commons and the Centre for Urban Ecology are certified currently.

these buildings can be as early as one to two years to recoup costs, she said.

The buildings do provide a more sustainable and environmentally conscious atmosphere with many different elements going in to obtaining a certification. The buildings create a more environmentally friendly space, right down to the materials used.

"Energy is the biggest one, which

is always a good thing that we aren't contributing to CO2 emissions, the building actually uses less water on average, probably about a 30 per cent reduction," Vanry said.

"LEED really likes to see environmentally preferred, so it might be the paint or the coating that usually have high VOC (Volatile Organic Compound), bad stuff for us to be inhaling, helping the occupants feel

better," she said.

The province announced in February grants for colleges and universities to lessen greenhouse emissions through its Greenhouse Gas Campus and Retrofit Program. The plan is part of the inspiration for many campuses to move toward developing LEED-certified buildings along with the longevity and sustainability that they provide, Johnston said.

Changes planned to make Humber a global leader

Caitlyn Clancey
NEWS REPORTER

Corrine Johnston envisions Humber College becoming a leader among the world's polytechnic institutions in its pursuit of high quality education.

The director of Strategic Planning and Institutional Analysis hosted a town hall Wednesday to outline proposed strategic plans which includes a global reach for students.

She said the 2018-2023 draft strategic plan, which has been in development for a year, includes four main themes: career-focused graduates, flexible education, health and inclusive community and an innovative and quality campus.

"Humber's new vision is to transform post-secondary education as a leading global polytechnic institution," she said. "Its mission is to engage with industry and community to develop global citizens with the knowledge and skills to lead and innovate."

Johnston said the plan is to transform education with meaningful work-integrated learning and experiential learning for all students.

"We want to bring work-integrated learning to a whole new level," Johnston said. "We really need to think more broadly in terms of interdisciplinary, international, virtual, mobile — all of these kinds of



CAITLYN CLANCEY

Corrine Johnston, the Director of Strategic Planning and Institutional Analysis, stands with Humber President Chris Whitaker during the town hall. Work-integrated and experiential learning were topics of discussion.

opportunities to expand work experience for our students.

"Our faculty aren't able to be everything to everyone," she said. "We need to have a balance between industry teaching, applied research and partnership experience. We're not going to find that in one individual."

In order to prepare students for innovation, the plan suggests integrating applied research training

and opportunities into the curriculum of all degree programs, as well as developing industry partnerships that will benefit both the students and those industries, Johnston said.

Flexible education requires using technology to allow students the freedom to be able to study in ways that best suit them, she said. This requires offering choices in how, what, when and where they learn, en-

hancing mobility among students, Johnston said.

As part of creating a healthy and inclusive community, she proposed Humber adopt the 2015 Okanagan Charter, which calls for post-secondary schools to embed health strategies and approaches for student health and wellbeing in all aspects of school culture on local and global levels. Johnston also said this

would include identifying at-risk students and intervening early.

"Health is all of our responsibility," she said. "And health means everything that we do in our lives, including the environment that we work in, we go to school in and we play in."

Humber also plans to lead the province in the development of sustainable campuses and will seek to achieve this by developing a new sustainability plan, Johnston said.

The final strategic element to the plan is to create an innovative and quality campus focusing on engaging in continuous improvement of both academic and administrative processes and programs, she said.

College President Chris Whitaker said the plan is still a work in progress and encouraged those who attended the meeting to offer their input in order to strengthen the prospective strategies and shape Humber's future.

"If we don't get people excited, if people can't see themselves in the strategic plan and feel that they have input then it's much harder for people to be engaged in delivering on the results of that plan," he said.

The next step for the strategic plan will be presenting to the Board of Governors between March and May and implementing a post-approval communication plan in September.

ARTchella show submission deadline is March 22

Brandon Maron

ARTS REPORTER

Submissions for the annual Humber Art Show are open until March 22.

The Art Show, which has been running since 1986, receives anywhere between 250 to 350 submissions a year.

"The Art Show continues to be a success because it unites the Humber art community," Maggie Hobbs said, director of Student Events and the facilitator of the Art Show.

"It provides students with the opportunity to express themselves and includes the participation of students from across all campuses and academic areas," she said.

This year, the theme for the event is ARTchella, inspired by the California music festival, Coachella.

The emphasis is on the unifying element of Coachella. Instead of the focus being on music, it will be on art to unite students from all of the Humber campuses.

The competition is open to all full-time and part-time students, who can submit a maximum of two submissions.

"Students from all disciplines, not just the artistic fields are encouraged

to participate," Cristina Rotondo said, one of the Public Relations students in charge of running the show.

"It is always interesting to me to see the breadth of talent all Humber students have," Rotondo said.

The art categories include: colour photography, monochromatic photography, painting/drawing, mixed media and three-dimensional art.

Second year creative photography student Danielle Colclough's photograph "Fragments" came in first place along with jurors pick in the monochromatic photography category last year.

Colclough says that she was under a lot of pressure at the time with school work, but used the art show to relieve some of that stress.

"In reality my program was straining my creative flow and I was feeling a lot of self doubt," she said. "So I decided to create something for myself and submit and lucky enough I actually placed."

She followed her instincts and used memories from her past to help her create her first first place photograph.

"My inspiration was looking back into the past and remembering all the people I have loved in my life

and how life moves on you and you start to forget the details about that person," she said.

She went on to say that she trusted her gut, and did this for her own pleasure and not for anyone else.

Students will have the opportunity to win cash prizes for first, second or third place. From the winning artwork pieces, a jury made up of Humber faculty, staff and external partners will then select five pieces to represent Humber at the League for Innovation international competition.

Students of all skill levels are encouraged to submit their art.

"Art is a reflection of the community and its members and that is what makes this competition so important," Hobbs said.

"It provides students with a platform and alternate ways to express emotions, share ideas, send messages and make statements," she said.

Submissions for North campus students can be made at KX202 or the IGNITE Office, for Lakeshore students at KX204, the IGNITE Office, ART208 or the Art Commons, and for Orangeville students at the Administrative Office or O208A.



DANIELLE COLCLOUGH

"Fragments" placed first in Monochromatic Photography last year.

New exhibition at North Space celebrates 30 years of Inuit film

Olivia Levesque

NEWS REPORTER

Retrospective photos from the renowned 2001 Inuit film, *Atanarjuat: The Fast Runner*, were presented at Humber North for the first time ever during an opening reception on Thursday.

The exhibition, *Channel 51: Igloolik*, is a celebration of 30 years of Igloolik Inuit film from the Isuma and Arnait Video Collectives. Two exhibitions are being shown at both Humber's North and Lakeshore campuses.

The objective of the exhibitions is to honour the work that has come from Igloolik, a remote community of 1,600 people in Nunavut.

Humber Gallery guest curator Asinnajaq, also known as Isabella Weetaluktuk, came to Humber North to commemorate the opening of the *Atanarjuat* exhibition, part of the *Channel 51: Igloolik Series*. Her role was to curate the numerous polaroid pictures now shown in the exhibition from Isuma Productions.

"The film is the first international success of an Inuit made film," Asinnajaq said. "It was a story passed on through generations about *Atanarjuat* in the Igloolik region, and it's the first film script for a feature film ever written in language, with an all-Inuit cast."

The Igloolik encompasses northern Baffin Island and a section of mainland Nunavut.

The behind-the-scenes Polaroids include casting photos, and some taken to document costume and



OLIVIA LEVESQUE

A number of students and community guest came out to the opening reception of the *Channel 51: Atanarjuat* Exhibition at Humber's North Space Gallery.

makeup design. Others are vaguely captioned in pen, documenting fun being had by cast and crew.

Asinnajaq shared that one of the most interesting of the collection shows a mechanical walrus head that never made it into the film. She said it was supposed to be used in a scene that showed a walrus attack, but it was ultimately cut out of the film.

Asinnajaq worked closely with the Aboriginal Resource Centre at Humber in hopes of engaging in a greater conversation about the im-

portance of Indigenous art.

"For indigenous communities, the conversation is about resurgence," Aboriginal Resource Centre manager Regina Hartwick said. "It's about rebuilding our communities, it's about restoring our language, and it's about living our lives in the beautiful way that it's meant."

Many students were in attendance at the opening reception, including a second-year class of Visual and Digital Arts students from Humber's Lakeshore campus.

Elizabeth Shearer said her class came to the opening in search of inspiration for its upcoming gallery exhibition project.

"I like the interactive portion of it, I feel like I'm looking at a corkboard documentation of the film. It's intimate," Shearer said.

Danica Evering, the Education Officer at Humber Galleries, worked with Asinnajaq to create an interactive component of the exhibition.

"One of the themes (of the exhi-

bition) is about thinking where you come from, so we are encouraging people to take a Polaroid picture of themselves and then write on the bottom of it saying what makes you who you are," Evering said. "Or what you're thinking about right now, because Isuma in Inuit means to think."

The *Atanarjuat* exhibition will be open at Humber's North Space Gallery until April 12, while its sister exhibition at Humber's L Space Gallery will be open until April 14.

Precarious work a growing issue for academic staff

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ENVIRONMENT REPORTER

Precarious employment is on the rise in post-secondary educational institutions.

In a study by the Canadian Council for Policy Alternatives, data from the Labour Force Survey shows a rise in unstable employment and that 53 per cent of post-secondary education workers in Ontario are in one way or another precariously employed.

The CCPA recognizes precarious employment as “characterized by lack of continuity, low wages, lack of benefits and possibly greater risk of injury and ill health,” the study states. “Measures of precariousness are level of earnings, level of employer-provided benefits, degree of regular protection and degree of control or influence within the labour process.”

The study mainly reflects on the unsteady work of part-time, partial-load and contract staff in the post-secondary sector.

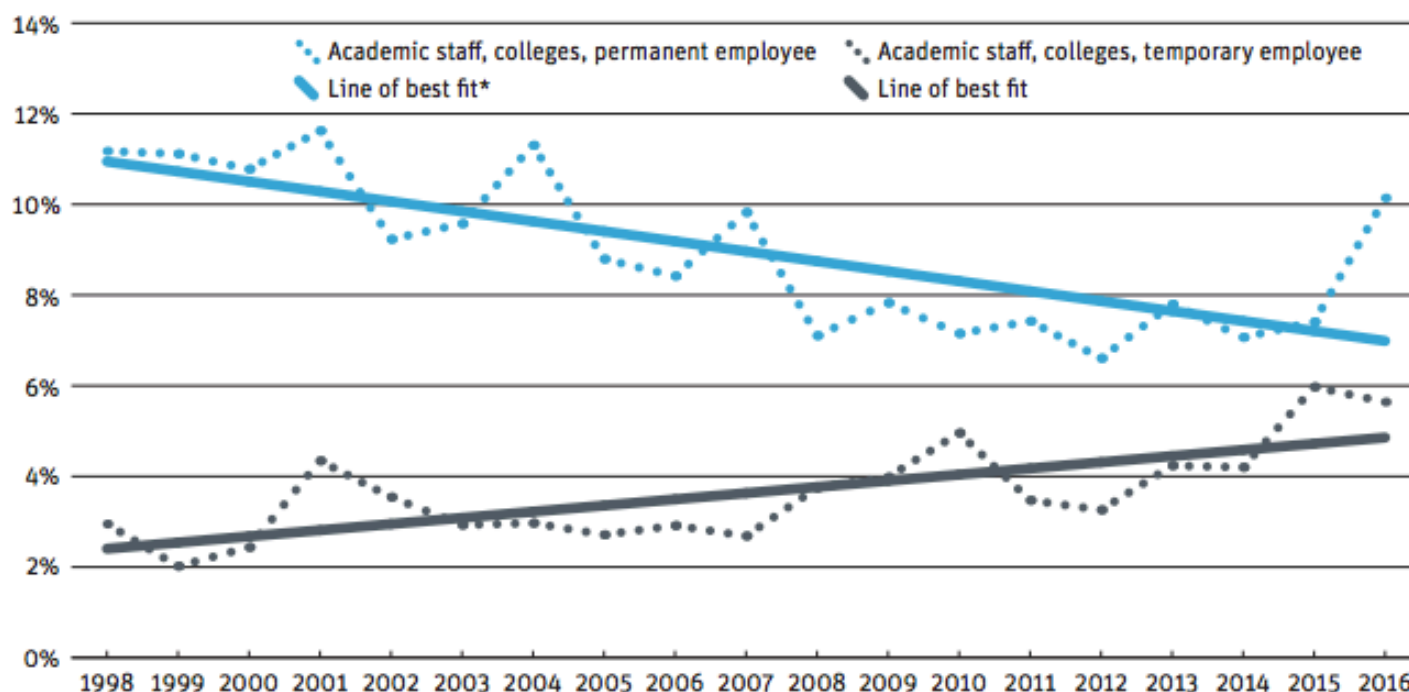
The study indicates while more students are enrolling and the sector is growing, the opportunity for full-time employment is not. There has been a general decrease in the amount of permanent college staff, along with an increase in the number of temporary employees.

“It has been heading in that direction for a while now, and I think our (the Union) belief would be costs,” Stacey Merritt, Humber Faculty Union first vice president member said. “Non full-time faculty are less costly than full-time faculty for reasons of salary and benefits, like any part-time workers in any industry.”

She said that could be a significant driving force behind the rise of part-time and contract workers.

The number of employees facing instability is in fact increasing,

FIGURE 14 Proportion of temporary and permanent college academic staff in the Ontario post-secondary sector, 1998 to 2016



CANADIAN CENTRE FOR POLICY ALTERNATIVES

The Canadian Council for Policy Alternatives' report showed temporary and permanent college academic staff face growing precarious employment.

specifically citing part-time and contract positions. The number of workers not holding multiple jobs or temporary jobs, or performing unpaid work has fallen 11 per cent since 1999, according to the study.

“Contracts are always maximum four months, and there is no knowing what can happen after,” said Humber Faculty Union officer Urszula Kosecka.

The study indicates a notable increase in the amount of post-secondary workers who hold multiple jobs, rising from a low of 5.9 per cent of the workforce in 1998 to 9.9

per cent of workers in 2016, citing these workers as “involuntary part-time workers.”

Kosecka echoed that, saying a huge majority of workers would prefer to have full-time positions rather than hold multiple jobs.

The unsteady employment conditions — where part-time and partial load teachers sign a new contract every term — and the inability to plan for the future can cause those working these positions to feel stress due to the lack of stability.

“Financial situations create a lot of stress. If you are trying to make

ends meet without great benefits and a salary and basically living from month to month or living from semester to semester because they don't know and they aren't guaranteed [consistent] hours,” Merritt said. “There's a lot of variables and obviously those variables create stress.”

With the recent strike at York, and the five-week strike at Ontario colleges last term, it is clear that many workers are unhappy and are looking for changes to be made across the sector. The new college contract signed in November led to

the creation of a task force to review precarious employment and make recommendations to provincial cabinet. Its first interim report is scheduled for May 18.

With too many contract workers, Kosecka believes the union will generally be growing and getting stronger.

“It's a gradual process, we feel from a union standpoint in the college system that there were some steps taken with the arbitration ruling on the contract in the right direction, but there's still a ways to go,” Merritt said.

Mental health support and education provided at annual Lakeshore fair

Clement Goh
NEWS REPORTER

Students from the Addictions and Mental Health Program hosted its third annual Mental Health Fair at Humber's Lakeshore Campus.

A large hall of booths bridged guests with activities last Tuesday that touched on various mental health issues.

As part of a semester-wide course, a goal of the event introduces students to the college's services across the campus.

Students broke into groups, creating a project that touches on subjects such as body image, schizophrenia, intimate trauma and the justice system.

Iris Sokoloff, professor for Humber's Social Service Worker Program, said the fair also lets people better understand the complications of mental health and to seek support

when needed.

“In order to reduce stigma, we need to increase awareness of mental health challenges for students (in general) in the population,” Sokoloff said.

“We talked about increasing awareness, and part of that is helping to normalize certain kinds of experiences or behaviours so people don't feel as isolated or different than others,” she said.

Through games and open discussions, the fair also focused on interacting with visitors and directly involving them with an experience at each booth.

“Part of the reason why we do this event is to let students know that we have a lot of resources for them on campus,” said Health Promotions coordinator Kristy Colasante.

She said the school's mental health departments partnered with the School of Social and Commu-

nity Services to further promote what is available on campus, made timelier in a break-free semester.

“I imagine not having a break would be stressful, for sure,” Colasante said. “We all need to take breaks for self-care.”

From counseling, doctors and on-site nurses at Lakeshore, the college's mental health services are all covered in each student's tuition every semester.

Alex Hoffman, an Addictions and Mental Health Program student, said everyone should be mindful of another person's wellbeing.

“It's just very important to be aware, be aware of your assumptions, and be aware of your opinions, and be aware that if you're having trouble, you're not alone,” Hoffman said.

Laura Zinni, a student who worked at the Healthy Relationships booth, also recommends students



CLEMENT GOH

Addictions and Mental Health students hosted the third annual Mental Health Fair on Lakeshore Campus, pushing for better awareness and support.

approach members of their program around campus.

“This specific ‘cohort’ (generation) of us will be doing place-

ments after this semester so up until then, if you ever see one of us with our Addictions and Mental Health t-shirts on, come say hi,” she said.

Humber students invited to compete in WWF contest

Maheen Malik
NEWS REPORTER

Sustainable Humber and Canada's World Wildlife Fund partnered up for this year's Designing Change competition.

Six students from Humber College have the opportunity to compete with teams from other colleges and universities for the chance to win \$1,200, work-shadow with an industry professional, and network with experts. The teams will be tasked to solve issues or problems related to sustainability.

Humber College is a pilot member of the WWF and is the first ever school to have the Living Planet @ Campus program.

"Essentially the competition is to commemorate this first year together and open to all participating colleges and universities," said Roma Malik, a Sustainability Specialist for the college.

"We're inviting three top students from their programs along with three students from our sustainability club to participate," she said. "We

want to be as diverse as possible so ideally I'd like to have one person from various programs."

The competition takes place on March 24 at the WWF Canada headquarters and helps launch Humber's Earth Week.

Civil Engineering Technology student Ankit Joshi said he has applied and most likely will be going to the competition.

"One of my friends from electro-mechanical engineering is also interested, there are people from international development and sustainable energy wanting to go as well," he said. "People from different fields, if they can come together and try to come up with an idea it would be awesome, you can definitely get different perspectives about different issues."

Participating students will be given a challenge or problem for their teams to solve on the day of the competition. Students will have a few hours to come up with a creative yet feasible solution to the issue along with a pitch.

The problem given to the students



Six Humber students will compete in the 2018 Designing Change competition.

can be anything related to sustainability and conservation, including waste, energy and water.

"They will be able to consult various industry specialists and experts to serve as their research source," Malik said.

This will be an incredible opportunity for those who are interested to network with specialists and ex-

perts in the industry as well as students from other colleges and universities, she said.

"It's definitely a big opportunity (for networking) for anyone attending," Joshi said.

The takeaway from the competition is that there will be all sorts of people from different fields bringing new perspectives to the table.

"I'll have some input from a civil engineering standpoint to put into this design competition and I feel like it can help make a difference along with the rest of the group," he said.

The competition has definitely gotten attention from students interested in sustainability.

"We want it to be really creative. We want the (creative) juices to be flowing," Malik said.

The competition can also be added to resumes since being chosen by the school itself is a great honour, as the process of selecting students is going to be very competitive, she said.

"All schools have developed their own criteria on picking candidates. We have pitched it first to the executive members of the sustainability club and general members as well," Malik said. "They show a lot of enthusiasm and leadership and it's the first year we've had the sustainability club, so it's to encourage them as well."

Students interested in participating must submit their GPA, resume, and a reference from a professor to sustainability@humber.ca.

Warm spring weather opens up Arboretum trails for new season

Nivea Raj
NEWS REPORTER

With the temperature finally beginning to rise, it's time to venture back onto the trails of the Humber Arboretum.

The faculty conducted a free Arboretum tour last week that was hosted by environmental education assistant Ken MacGillivray.

Three students and several community members attended the tour and learned about the area's vast diversity, and how it was originally an outdoor classroom space.

The nature area is a collaboration of the college, Toronto and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, he said.

"It is a combination of outdoor classroom space, botanical garden and conservation land," he said.

The Arboretum tour was organized to connect the community with the local environment to teach students and the community about the nature in the area.

"These tours can showcase new

areas to people who regularly visit the Arboretum and also introduce new visitors to the property," MacGillivray said.

The tour comes after the Lunch and Learn: Beech, Birch or Buckeye event that was held last Monday, as they wanted to expand people's knowledge and introduce them all the nature elements of the Arb.

"This tour was meant to be both an introduction to the Arboretum's trails and an extension of the tree workshop that we hosted last Monday," he said. "Our tours enhance environmental awareness."

Throughout the tour MacGillivray would talk about the various kinds of trees and the difference between their leaves.

He described the types of leaves which are found throughout the Arb, needle and maple leaves for example.

Despite the tours being a new initiative, they're already bringing in positive feedback.

"While our Toursday tours are fairly new, feedback on our tours has been positive thus far," he said.



NIVEA RAJ

A free tour of Humber's Arboretum kicked off the nature area's new season.



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Media studies students from the University of Guelph-Humber and students from the Event Management program collaborated to host a joint event showcasing photographs for the upcoming Emerge Conference.

The Media Studies students captured photos of several people in Toronto and asked them about the definition of success in their personal lives. Meanwhile, the Event Management students prepared food, decorations, music and worked with the artists. This event comes in preparation of the Emerge Conference, which allows young and graduating media professionals to explore and discuss current and emerging trends in the media industry.



Photographed by Virginia See

"Success means building a life you're passionate about. It isn't the number of goals achieved or an increase in pay. It's listening to your soul and feeding it whatever it wants, whenever it wants. Success is giving yourself the freedom to be who you are."

EDITORIAL

Expensive housing costs are pushing millennials away from T.O.

The field is set for this summer's provincial election and Ontarians are beginning to deliberate between the three major parties' platforms.

For young voters in Ontario's capital, an important electoral issue this year revolves around Toronto's housing market.

The Toronto Region Board of Trade announced its belief the city's lack of affordable housing is driving so many young professionals to leave the city to look for work that it is threatening Toronto's ability to attract and maintain a world-class workforce. Therefore, the organization released a Housing Policy Playbook, which includes five ideas for Ontario's party leaders to consider pushing affordable housing in their platforms.

The recommendations range from

rolling back rent controls to quickening the process to approve new municipal infrastructure. The report argues that Toronto accounts for more than half of the province's economy, so the struggle young people face to find affordable housing with easy access to work is a provincial issue.

The rent crisis is driving away a strong workforce from the province's economic engine.

Toronto's cost of living has long been considered notoriously unaffordable. Average home prices in the city dropped slightly to \$767,818 in February, compared to \$876,363 in February last year, according to the Toronto Real Estate Board's Market Watch.

But affordability for young workers right out of university are more often about renting as opposed to

buying a home. The website Rentseeker listed the average monthly rental prices in Toronto as being \$1,128 for a bachelor apartment and \$1,363 for a one-bedroom apartment in March.

Many post-secondary students have aspirations of moving to the big city after graduation. For most, Toronto is the city with the most opportunities for employment. Add to that the thriving nightlife and the ability to walk nearly everywhere, thereby saving the expense of a car, and the city becomes a place where a lot of twenty-somethings want to be.

Unfortunately, recent grads are lucky to emerge out of school with a job, let alone the disposable income to spend more than \$1,000 each month in order to rent a tiny apartment. Let's not forget they still have to buy

groceries and pay maintenance and utility fees, along with other expenses relative to living on one's own.

This makes Toronto an unrealistic option for many young professionals. This is not only unfortunate for young people, but also for the city itself. Recent grads can bring enthusiasm, passion and fresh ideas to Toronto employers. It can't be denied that new hires bring something different to the table as opposed to workforce veterans of 20 or 30 years.

It truly is Toronto's loss when young people are priced out of the city and forced to seek employment in more up-and-coming areas.

Millennials are the future. They are the ones have learnt about the newest technology and techniques, and it is a shame big companies in Toronto will be missing out on their

talent because the workforce can't afford to reside in the city.

The Toronto Region Board of Trade is calling on Ontario's premier candidates to seriously consider their policy playbook for the sake of boosting the economy. Their report states that "to realize the full potential of the Toronto region and Ontario, we need a thoughtful strategy for the economy and its residents."

But aside from thinking about this issue as purely about economics, this summer's electoral candidates would do well to consider how they can make living in Toronto a more viable reality for the city's current students and young workers, to entice more young voters. Making it more affordable for Toronto's youth to live and work in the city is something young voters can rally around.

OPINION

School sex ed should be here to stay



Christina Zisko
EDITOR

with internet access and very little parental supervision.

There is lots of information available online, both true and untrue, and good and bad, and kids in elementary school need the proper education to be able to separate myth from fact.

As adults, we know not to believe everything we read, but impressionable youth are more likely to take information gleaned from the internet at face value. It is better to learn about puberty and healthy relationships through carefully researched and structured education, gathered from professionals, rather than the first online forum they happen to stumble by. Or an online pornography website.

A criticism of the new sex education curriculum is that it is a parent's job to teach their children about sex. But some parents don't. Sex is an awkward topic, and some parents would rather remain ignorant of the fact that sexuality is an important topic that their children need to learn.

We can't just hope that parents are teaching their children accurate information, or teaching them at all.

This is why sex education needs to be taught in schools, or there is the risk that some children will grow up not learning anything at all. Teaching sex education to students makes the topic less ambiguous and awkward, and allows children the ability to make their own decisions in a well-informed way.

Wynne has said 4,000 parents were consulted in the creation of the new curriculum, as well as psychologists, police, psychiatrists and educators. This means it was not haphazardly thrown together, but rather is the product of careful and well-informed planning. Unlike the knee-jerk reaction by politicians.

To be sure, the curriculum is

age-appropriate, meaning children in the first few years of elementary education will be learning material that is very different from what is taught to seventh or eighth graders.

For example, according to ontario.ca, children in Grade One are taught about body parts, senses and functions. Puberty begins to be discussed in Grade Four, while sexual health and sexually transmitted infections are topics reserved for students in Grade Seven.

This puts the worry to rest that young children will be taught about intercourse at eight years old. It simply is not true.

Abstinence only education, or no sex education at all, is a disservice to students. There is a fear that early sex education may make students more likely to have sex early. Studies have shown that education actually postpones sexual activity.

In addition, educated young people are more likely to use contraceptives, resulting in a decreased risk of teen pregnancy. A study in the Journal of Adolescent Health showed abstinence only education does not reduce the likelihood of teens having sex.

When the facts show something isn't working, it's time for a change.

Ontario isn't the first province to implement this type of curriculum. Gender identity, sexual orientation, birth control, consent and sexual abuse are all taught at some point to students in every other province.

Schools are meant to teach children up to date and useful information. If curriculums are not updated regularly, in sex education or any subject, that would mean that students are graduating not properly prepared for real world situations.

The changes to the Ontario sex education curriculum are not radical. They are important, necessary and were long overdue.

First step forward comes with admitting past sins



Rucha Devarchetti
EDITOR

came powerful through its approach to life and breaking the shackles of the Old World to make its own rules.

National Geographic's admission has thrown the spotlight on how a metamorphosis is soon to hit our Newer World. Our opinions about the notions of life might soon be upturned, considering they are already under threat. This reorganized platform may either herald the arrival of a utopian world or destroy whatever peace remains in this one.

One of the best ways to examine how a nation thinks is to take a look at its public voices and its literature. The admission from one of the most popular magazines in America reflects a small rivulet in the sea of change that is likely to hit everyone. The media will particularly have to restructure its behaviour and stick to its principles of fairness now more so than ever.

This is easier said than done.

Indirect biases have ruled reportage for decades, and time has made it no better. We try as much as we can to steer away from them but our inherent subconscious creates trouble for us nevertheless. It's not completely our fault, we are engineered in a way that makes us stick to our initial notions. National Geographic's inception at the time of colonialism reflected in its coverage for 130 years. Finally, it awoke and questioned its own vision.

The time has come to embrace a new order, hopefully better than what we have right now. It's safer if we accept our mistakes and correct them well in time before we struggle to stay afloat in the waves of change. Our characteristic behaviour should make way for the new system, the newer thought process that we may soon be a part of.

National Geographic is just the start. More voices will stand up and change the way we think, until the next revolution begins.

Sex education for Ontario students is a controversial topic and it has been in the news lately as a result of the elections for a new Progressive Conservative leader.

Candidate Tanya Grancic Allen and newly-appointed leader Doug Ford are both outspoken in their belief that Kathleen Wynne's new sex education curriculum needs to be repealed.

The changes to the curriculum involve the inclusion of information on same-sex relationships, gender identity and sexting. Some parents and politicians are scandalized by the changes, saying it is inappropriate for children to be learning this type of material.

To that I say, it's 2018 and it's about time children have a more well-rounded sex education in schools.

Before the most recent update, the curriculum for sex education had not been changed since 1998. The changes that have occurred in society and technology in that time necessitates an overhaul.

In 1998, smartphones and the internet weren't a part of children's lives. That can't be said for children growing up today. It's not uncommon for children as young as nine or 10 to have their own smartphones

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"If I would have to pay for something that I didn't have to use, then I probably wouldn't like it."



Joao Correia
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"Most people probably take the TTC and this is inexpensive, I would much rather pay \$70."



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PHOTO OF THE WEEK HUMBER CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL PI DAY WITH PIE

March 14, also known as '3.14' is International Pi Day. In honour of the number that never ends, Humber's math and writing center gave out free pie at 1:59 p.m. Alla Dolodoniva and Temu Moore are two of many students that celebrated the mathematical holiday with the sweet, delicious pie.

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No medal at CCAA despite record-breaking season

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Though they put on a great performance, the Humber Hawks women's volleyball team is returning home from Nationals without any medals in hand.

The Hawks advanced to the bronze medal game at the 2018 CCAA National Champions in Grande Prairie, Alta. last week but were defeated by the Lakeland Rustlers in three sets.

The women's team put on a good showing to start the tournament, defeating CCAA regulars Élans de Garneau in the quarterfinals. The Hawks then faced the number one ranked Douglas Royals in the semi-finals, falling in four closely fought sets.

The Hawks lost a key player to injury in the semi-final game, libero Kyla Wilkins. While they overcame this by sweeping the Mount Saint Vincent Mystics in a bronze playoff match, they felt the lack of their libero's presence against Lakeland.

"We played hard all weekend," women's volleyball coach Chris Wilkins said. "We had some unfortunate injuries that really hurt us after the semi-final.

"It didn't allow us to then perform at our best," he said.

Going 2-2 at Nationals this year, the Hawks finished fourth out of the eight teams playing in the championships. Their showing was an improvement over last year, where the team finished eighth, going 0-3 in their matches.

"The girls played so hard and I'm extremely proud of all of their accomplishments," Wilkins said. "The willingness to fight with this group was amazing to watch this year."

Hawks player Brynne Spence-



Breanna Golding, top, leaps into the air for a kill in the Hawks' quarterfinal matchup against Garneau last Thursday. Jasmine Lougheed, right, serves during the Hawks' bronze semi-final matchup against the MSVU Mystics.

ce-Coleman had similar feelings about how the team played at Nationals this year.

"The team's performance these nationals, although we didn't achieve our end goal, was the best I have seen yet," she said. "Even when we lost or weren't playing to our standard we worked together to enjoy ourselves and have fun playing the sport we love."

The Hawks have medalled once on the national level, earning a bronze medal at the 2016 CCAA

championships.

With the National championships over, the Hawks' season is officially over, with the team now looking ahead to next year.

The Hawks will lose several key players next season, including Spence-Coleman and Devan O'Connor, both among the team's leaders in points and kills.

Wilkins remains optimistic about the team's future even with these personnel losses.

"The reputation we've built over

the years, we're bringing in key recruits," he said. "Before there was Brynne, there was somebody else, and after that there will be somebody else."

"That's the point of building a strong program. Year after year, you're going to be able to continue to build on top of that," he said.

Spence-Coleman is confident the team's dominance in the OCAA, where they have racked up seven straight undefeated seasons and eleven consecutive provincial champion-



ships, will continue without her.

"Humber's work ethic right from pre-season is unmatched and continues to be a great team dynamic," she said. "I know this legacy will continue and they will continue to make all the Humber alumni proud."

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First place in regional ensures berth at provincials

Mike Furtado
SPORTS REPORTER

Humber women's indoor soccer team displayed its dominance last Thursday taking first place at an OCAA regional tournament held at Seneca College's brand new indoor soccer dome.

Going into the tournament Humber needed to place either first or second place in order to book a ticket to the provincial championships.

In their first matchup of the day Humber ran into a short-handed Lakehead-Orillia team who only had enough players to fill their positions on the field with no bench players. Humber won the match easily and powered in 11 goals, which was too much for the scorekeeper to handle as the scoreboard stopped tallying them after the Hawks eighth goal.

Humber's head coach Vince Pileggi said his team understands the dangers of letting a blowout win get to their heads, especially when it comes



The women's indoor soccer team will compete at the OCAA provincials at Redeemer College from March 22 to 24.

in the first game of a tournament.

"For us, we have a lot of girls with experience, they know what the preparation is all about and they know that regardless of who the

competition is, or what level they're at, we got to continue to play our game," he said.

In the Hawks second matchup of the day the team faced a hungry

Conestoga team who were not looking to back down to Humber.

Luck clearly wasn't on Humber's side during this matchup as the Hawks missed a penalty shot,

couldn't convert on a breakaway and hit the post on a shot that appeared to be a sure goal. The missed opportunities led to a draw, with both teams scoring one goal.

The Hawks rounded out the tournament in dominant fashion as they took down Confederation College by a score of eight-nil.

Humber won the tournament by goal differential over Conestoga College and both teams booked their ticket to the OCAA provincial championships.

Pigelli said this tournament was a great opportunity for his team to practice good habits leading into the provincial championships.

"We have to make sure we have our lines set, see who plays well together, continue to play our style and if we do that we're going to be successful," he said.

The Hawks now look forward to the provincial championships being held March 22 to 24 at Redeemer College in Hamilton.

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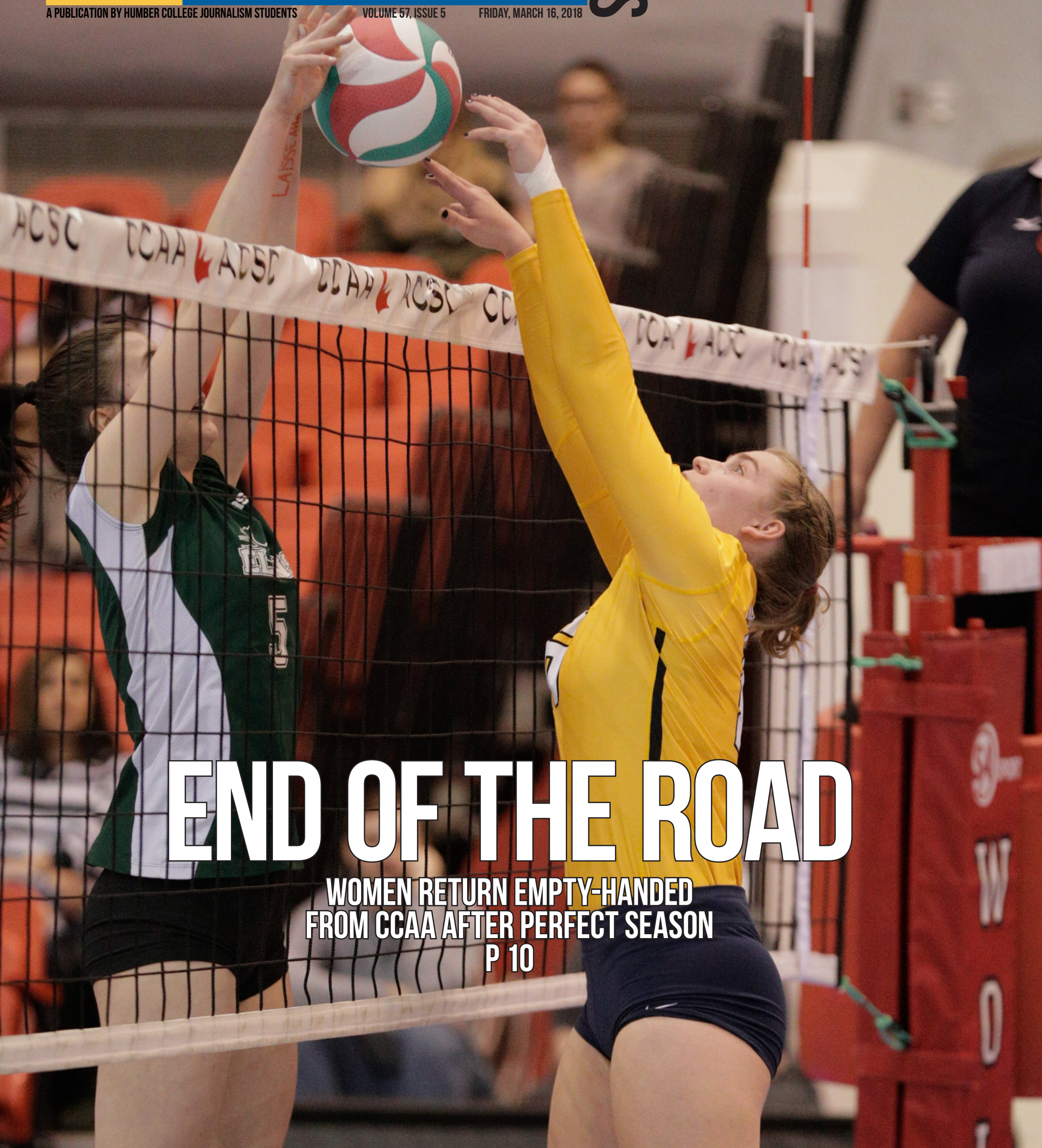
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